



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 136

**DISASTER DECLARATION FOR THE CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS AND
THE TOWN OF GASTON**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Emergency Management Act, Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes, authorizes the issuance of a disaster declaration for an emergency area as defined in N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.3(7) and categorizing the disaster as a Type I, Type II or Type III disaster as defined in N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.21(b); and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2012, the City of Roanoke Rapids, located in Halifax County, North Carolina and the Town of Gaston, located in Northampton County, North Carolina were impacted by severe flooding; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the damage from the severe flooding, the City of Roanoke Rapids and Town of Gaston declared local states of emergency on August 25, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a joint preliminary damage assessment was done by local, state and federal emergency management officials on August 27, 2012; and

WHEREAS, I have determined that a Type I disaster, as defined in N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.21(b)(1), exists in the State of North Carolina, specifically in the City of Roanoke Rapids and Town of Gaston; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.21, the criteria for a Type I disaster are met if: (1) the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety has provided a preliminary damage assessment to the Governor; (2) the City of Roanoke Rapids and Town of Gaston have declared local states of emergency pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.22; (3) the preliminary damage assessment has met or exceeded the State infrastructure criteria set out in N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.41(b)(2)a.; and (4) a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States pursuant to the Stafford Act has not been declared; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.41(b), if a Type I disaster is declared, the Governor may make State funds available for disaster assistance in the form of individual assistance and public assistance for recovery from those disasters for which federal assistance

under the Stafford Act is either not available or does not adequately meet the needs of the citizens of the State in the emergency area.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**

Section 1. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.21(b)(1), a Type I disaster is hereby declared for the City of Roanoke Rapids and the Town of Gaston.

Section 2. I authorize state disaster assistance in the form of public assistance grants to eligible entities located within the emergency area that meet the terms and conditions under N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.41(b)(2). These grants are for costs associated with the following:

- a. Debris clearance.
- b. Emergency protective measures.
- c. Roads and bridges.

Section 3. I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be promptly filed with the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety, the Secretary of State, and the clerks of superior court in the counties to which it applies; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.


Section 4. This Type I Disaster Declaration shall expire 60 days after issuance unless renewed by the Governor or the General Assembly. Such renewals may be made in increments of 30 days each, not to exceed a total of 120 days from the date of first issuance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this 8th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.




Beverly Eaves Perdue
Governor

ATTEST:


Elaine F. Marshall 
Chief Deputy Secretary of State